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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit information which may be considered material to the examination of this application. This information is listed on the accompanying form.

Documents 1-4, which are listed on the accompanying form, PTO/SB/08A (substitute for Form PTO-1449) (one page), have not been submitted since submission of copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications is no longer required under 37 CFR 1.98.

A copy of document 5, which is also listed on PTO/SB/08A (substitute for Form PTO-1449) (one page), is enclosed herewith.

Applicants respectfully request that these documents be fully considered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application and printed on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicants also respectfully request that a copy of PTO/SB/08A (substitute for Form PTO-1449) (one page), submitted herewith, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned to the undersigned with the next communication.

It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. If for any reason the Examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully

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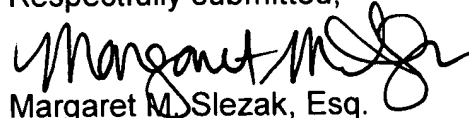
requested that the undersigned be contacted by the Examiner by telephone in order that any deficiencies may be expeditiously remedied.

The enclosed documents may have markings thereon. Applicants are not presently aware of the source of those markings, and no significance is meant to be attached thereto.

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Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



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